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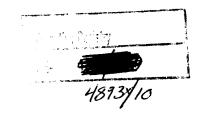
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- l. I want to extend the DCI's sincere thanks and appreciation for your excellent planning and coordination of the Bob Ames symposium and dinner at La Salle University. The Director noted that your presence, and that of Mr. Helms, significantly enhanced the success of his visit to the University. The program's success was due in no small measure to your efforts over the past many months.
- 2. While the Director was very pleased with the Ames memorial plaque, I know that he also took considerable pleasure and pride in being part of the entire program. It was most heartening to him to witness a program that publicly recognized the talents and efforts of an exceptional Agency employee. The symposium was enjoyed by all who attended, particularly the Ames family and friends.
- 3. You should feel proud of your major contributions to an event that was certainly an appropriate tribute to Bob Ames.

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Robert M. Gates
Acting Director of Central Intelligence

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I want to thank you for the fine help you gave me in connection with the symposium in honor of Bob Ames. Your choice of speaking material turns out to have been absolutely first class, and I want you to know how much I appreciate your good judgment in heading me that way.

I was frankly surprised at the high quality of the panels. Some one worked hard to get all those heavy hitters in an auditorium at LaSalle University at the same time.

On the ABC evening news Friday, I saw an excellent photograph of Father Patrick walking up the stairs of the College Union building with Director Casey. The President of LaSalle must have been very pleased.

I much enjoyed meeting Mary on the ride back to Washington.

With season's greetings and genuine appreciation,

Cordially,

Richard Helms

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9 December 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

George V. Lauder

Director, Public Affairs Office

SUBJECT:

Address at the La Salle University Testimonial Dinner

in Honor of Robert C. Ames

1. Action Requested: None. This is background information for your address at the La Salle University Testimonial Dinner in honor of the late Robert C. Ames, on Monday, 11 December. The dinner and address will be held in the Ballroom of the College Union Building. A business suit will be the appropriate dress for the occasion.

2. Arrangements: Brother Patrick Ellis, President of La Salle University, and Edward Turzanski, Assistant Director of Alumni, will meet you at the main entrance of the College Union Building at 5:55 p.m. and escort you to the Ballroom for the reception. (See tab for biography.) A receiving line is not planned. Dinner will begin at 6:45 p.m. and at approximately 7:15 p.m. Brother Patrick will posthumously bestow the University's President's Medal on Bob Ames' widow, Yvonne Ames (now Mrs. Frank Julian). Mr. Frank Blatcher. classmate of Bob Ames, will give remarks followed by Brother Patrick's unveiling the plaques and dedicating them in honor of Bob Ames. One will be presented to you to be placed at the Agency and the other will remain on Your address is scheduled for approximately 7:30 p.m. and Brother Patrick will introduce you. Letters from both President Reagan and Secretary of State Shultz are incorporated in your speech, and, at the end of your presentation, are to be given to Brother Patrick. (See tab for letters.) The suggested format is 15 minutes of remarks without a Question and Answer period. Adjournment will be at approximately 9:00 p.m. You will be seated at the head table with the following:

Brother Patrick Ellis

Dr. Robert Courtney

Mrs. Helen Ames Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Gubicza Brother Emery Mollenhauer Dr. Fred Foley

(See tab for biographies)

President, La Salle University (on your right) Chairman, Political Science Department, La Salle University (on your left) Mother of Bob Ames Sister and brother-in-law of Bob Ames Provost, La Salle University Vice President, Development, La Salle University

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SUBJECT:

Address at the La Salle University Testimonial Dinner in Honor of Robert C. Ames

A podium, mike and neck mike will be provided near the head table. The Agency's TV crew in conjunction with La Salle is taping the symposium and dinner program for the Agency's and University's historical files. Each individual who is making an appearance was notified and permission obtained.

AG/NIC, will give an interview to the college newspaper, THE COLLEGIAN. on Bob Ames.

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Audience: You can expect an audience of approximately 250 alumni, faculty, friends and 20 CIA employees. (See tab for list of Agency employees.) Print media including the PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER and local TV and radio stations also may cover the program. (See tab for list of major newspaper, radio, TV and wire service bureaus in Philadelphia.) President of USA TODAY Thomas Curley and David Attaway of THE WASHINGTON POST will attend the symposium and the dinner.

Background: See tab for the following background materials:

Remarks given by you at the Memorial Ceremony for Bob Ames held at Headquarters, 29 April 1983.

President Reagan's remarks concerning the death of Bob Ames, April 1983.

LA SALLE COLLEGE MAGAZINE's article on Bob Ames.

In addition to the dinner, La Salle University is sponsoring on the same day a memorial symposium to Bob Ames "A Survey of Themes in the Middle East." The symposium will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Dan Rodden Theatre on La Salle's campus. The symposium is free and open to the public. An audience of approximately 300 faculty, alumni, and students including some who are foreign nationals is expected. Richard Helms will be the featured speaker. Other Middle Eastern experts participating will be Harold Saunders, former assistant Secretary of State for the Near East; William Quandt and Robert Hunter (who worked closely with Bob Ames), former National Security Council members; Shireen Hunter, former Iranian diplomat; Graham Fuller, vice chairman of the NIC; Daniel Pipes, Director of the Naval War College; and David Long, Office of Counterterrorism, US Department of State. Each panelist will speak for approximately 20 minutes before taking questions from the audience. (See tab for agenda.)

University President Brother Patrick Ellis noted that one of the reasons for the Symposium was to establish a role model for present day La Salle students. He observed that students entering the University these days were bright enough but narrowly focused. To help counter that situation, La Salle wished to advertise Ames as an honor student, successful athlete and distinguished public servant.

SUBJECT:

Address at the La Salle University Testimonial Dinner in Honor of Robert C. Ames

"La Salle Peace and Justice," a small organization of approximately ten La Salle faculty members, have complained about CIA participation. Father Daniel Barrigan was suggested as a speaker for the "other side." The dissident group was reassured that the program was initiated by the University. No demonstration is expected.

La Salle, an independent, co-educational Catholic institution, was founded in 1863 by the Brothers of the Christian School, a religious order dedicated to teaching. La Salle derives its name from the founder of the Christian Brothers, St. John Baptist de La Salle. The student-faculty ratio at La Salle College is very low (about 15-1). La Salle's coeducational student body comes from 30 states and 14 foreign countries with 87 percent of La Salle's undergraduates receiving some form of financial aid. (See background materials for brochure.)

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December 4, 1986

Dear Brother Patrick:

I join President Reagan in honoring the achievements of La Salle's distinguished alumnus, the late Robert C. Ames.

Bob's years of service in embassies throughout the Middle East gave him a special appreciation of the relationship between policy, diplomacy, and intelligence. This appreciation and Bob's individual talents allowed him to serve two administrations as a senior advisor. He provided major support to President Carter during the Camp David peace process, and to President Reagan in our efforts to pick up the pieces from Lebanon and fashion a peace accord in that region.

I valued his expertise on many subjects, but particularly on how Arabs think, feel, and react. These insights reflected both his extensive experience "on the ground" and careful analysis. He was always learning, and took time to keep up with the views of Middle East scholars. Those of us who relied so heavily on his wisdom could always be sure that he had considered ideas from inside and outside the government.

Beyond this we admired his indomitable spirit. I once told Bob he reminded me of the engineers at Bechtel with their "can do" approach to difficult challenges. When others were inclined to become discouraged at the difficulties of even understanding the problems in the Middle East let alone solving them, Bob kept trying, and his enthusiasm and energy rubbed off on us. In seeking to emulate that gallant, unflagging spirit Bob Ames' memory is best enshrined.

Sincerely yours,

George P. Shultz

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Brother Patrick Ellis, F.S.C., Ph.D., President

La Salle University,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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The Director of Central Intelligence

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24 November 1986

The Honorable Thomas C. Dawson
Deputy Assistant to the President and
Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Tom,

Can you get this done for me by 9 December? Bob Gates will be representing me at the memorial service and will handcarry it.

Yours.

William J. Casey

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The Director of Central Intelligence

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24 November 1986

The President The White House Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Bob Ames, one of our finest officers, was killed, as you will recall, in the destruction of our embassy in Beirut back in April of 1983. His alma mater, La Salle University, is honoring Bob at a memorial service on 11 December.

Washington, D. C. 20505

Bob was one of our stars and it would mean a lot to his family and to CIA if you would sign a letter recognizing his achievements. A letter is attached for your signature.

Respectfully yours,

William J. Casey

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Brother Patrick Ellis, F.S.C., Ph.D. President, La Salle University Philadelphia, PA 19141

Dear Brother Patrick:

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I congratulate officials, alumni, students, and friends of La Salle University for their recognition of a distinguished alumnus and truly superior public servant, the late Robert C. Ames.

There can be no sadder and yet no more fitting duty for a President than to pay tribute to Americans who have given their lives in the service of their country. The sadness I felt on the rainy Saturday evening in April 1983, when the flag-draped coffins bearing the remains of Bob Ames and his companions reached Andrews Air Force Base, is still with me. So, too, is my anger toward those whose violent act took their lives.

The world is complex and the Middle East especially so. To know the Middle East as Bob did so well, and to advise properly and eloquently those of us who relied so much upon him, required a special degree of wisdom.

More than that, Bob and those other gallant Americans showed us in their lives and tragic deaths a deep sense of purpose. They recognized the danger they faced and yet they went willingly to Beirut. Bob, in his special role, like the others in theirs, tried to assist people who look

to this country believing in America's sense of justice, America's fundamental decency. Quite simply, Bob and his companions were trying to keep the barbarians of the world from having their way.

La Salle's motto, I am told, is "Virtue and Knowledge." In both the wisdom and the dedication of Bob Ames, I cannot imagine any better fulfillment of that motto.

It is written, "Blessed are the peacemakers." Bob Ames was a true peacemaker. We thank God for him. And we thank you, too, men and women of La Salle. In honoring Bob Ames you rightly honor yourselves.

Ronald Reagan

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

December 4, 1986

Dear Mr. Casey:

Here is the letter you wanted for the memorial service for Bob Ames. If you have any similar requests in the future, feel free to ask me - since I think after two years here now I have finally got the system down.

Keep up the good work. Moira sends her best. We may see you around during Christmas.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Dawson Deputy Assistant to the President

The Honorable William J. Casey Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505



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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

December 3, 1986

Dear Brother Patrick:

I congratulate the officials, alumni, students, and friends of La Salle University as you gather to pay tribute to the memory of a distinguished alumnus and truly superior public servant, Robert C. Ames.

There can be no sadder and yet no more fitting duty for a President than to honor Americans who have given their lives in the service of their country. The grief I felt on that rainy Saturday evening in April 1983, when the flag-draped coffins bearing the remains of Bob Ames and his companions reached Andrews Air Force Base, is still with me. So, too, is my anger at the senseless brutality of those whose violent act took the lives of our countrymen.

The world is complex and the Middle East especially so. To know the Middle East as well as Bob did, and to give proper and eloquent advice to those of us who relied so much upon him, required a rare kind of wisdom.

More than that, Bob and those other gallant Americans exemplified in both life and death a deep sense of purpose. They recognized the danger they faced, and yet they went willingly to Beirut. Bob, in his special role, like the others in theirs, tried to assist people who look to this country believing in America's sense of justice, America's fundamental decency. Quite simply, Bob and his companions were trying to keep the forces of barbarism from having their way.

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Sincerely,

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Brother Patrick Ellis, F.S.C., Ph.D. President
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George V. Lauder Director, Public Affairs

3 December 1986

DCI:

Bob agreed to be interviewed by the La Salle College paper on Bob Ames when he was at La Salle at the ceremony honoring Ames. It is understood that he would only answer questions regarding Ames and not current events.

Do you want to do such an interview or not?

George V. Lauder

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25 November 1986

Mr. Edward Turzanski Deputy Director, Alumni La Salle University Philadelphia, PA 19141

Dear Mr. Turzanski:

This is to confirm arrangements for CIA Deputy Director Dr. Robert M. Gates address at the La Salle University testimonial dinner in honor of Robert C. Ames on Thursday, 11 December, in Philadelphia.

As you have already heard from due to schedule changes, CIA Director William Casey is unable to address the dinner, and our Deputy Director will speak in his place. Basically, the arrangements will be the same as stated in my 29 October letter. Although we understand that the college paper will do an article covering the symposium and dinner honoring Bob Ames, we request that you do not put out an advance press release. According to our previous conversation, you are expecting members of the print media as well as commercial TV and radio to cover the event. Please keep us informed as to the press coverage that you expect. The Deputy Director does not normally give press interviews. However, Dr. Gates has made an exception and agreed to an interview by the college paper concerning Bob Ames, but not the Agency. If you plan to publish his remarks, please give us the opportunity to review the material prior to publication. Please have a podium and mike available; he does not use a neck mike. As you also are aware, the Agency is providing assistance to the La Salle Communications Department in audio and videotaping selected parts of the testimonial dinner and the symposium for the historical record.

Enclosed as you requested, is a photograph and biography of the Deputy Director. We would appreciate receiving short biographies of those people who will be meeting and hosting Dr. Gates. We also ask that you send us an agenda of the symposium, the dinner program, and a diagram of the head table seating.



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Mr. Edward Turzanski Page 2 25 November 1986

If you have any further questions on the arrangements for the event or if there is anything I can do to help you, please feel free to call me on (703) 351-2053.

Sincerely,

Mary Evelyn Dean Public Affairs

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The Director of Central Intelligence Washington, D. C. 20505

10 November 1986

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

La Salle University is holding a posthumous testimonial dinner for Bob Ames, one of CIA's most splendid officers who was on temporary emergency duty at the American Embassy in Beirut in April, 1983 and was killed in the bombing of the Embassy. His family and friends at the Agency, as well as La Salle University and myself, would appreciate your signing this letter in tribute to his memory.

Yours.

William J. Casey

Attachment:
Draft Letter as Stated

Brother Patrick Ellis, F.S.C., Ph.D. President, La Salle University Philadelphia, PA

Dear Brother Ellis:

I congratulate officials, alumni, students, and friends of La Salle University for their recognition of a distinguished alumnus and truly superior Federal employee, the late Robert C. Ames.

There can be no sadder and yet no more fitting duty for one who holds the office I hold than to pay tribute to Americans who have given their lives in the service of their country. The sadness I felt on that rainy Saturday evening in April 1983, when the flag-draped coffins bearing the remains of Bob Ames and his companions reached Andrews Air Force Base, is still with me. So, too, is my anger toward those whose violent act took their lives and the lives of loyal Lebanese employees.

The world is complex and the Middle East especially so. To know the Middle East as Bob did so well, and to advise properly and eloquently those of us who relied so much upon him, required a special degree of wisdom.

More than that, Bob and those other gallant Americans showed us in their lives and tragic deaths a deep sense of purpose. They recognized the danger they faced and yet they went willingly to Beirut. Bob, in his special role, like the others in theirs, tried to assist people who look to this country believing in America's sense of justice, America's fundamental decency. Quite simply, Bob and his companions were trying to keep the barbarians of the world from having their way.

La Salle's motto, I am told, is "Virtue and Knowledge." In both the wisdom and the dedication of Bob Ames, I cannot imagine any better fulfillment of that motto.

It is written, "Blessed are the peacemakers." Bob Ames was a true peacemaker. We thank God for him. And we thank you, too, men and women of La Salle. In honoring Bob Ames you rightly honor yourselves.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan



Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. (703) 482-7676

George V. Lauder Director, Public Affairs

6 November 1986

DCI:

Per your request here is the proposed letter for the President's signature to Brother Ellis at La Salle University on the occasion of the dinner honoring the late Bob Ames.

George **V.** Lauder

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29 October 1986

DCI:

Brother Patrick Ellis, President of La Salle University, has asked if you would request a letter from President Reagan honoring the late Bob Ames. The University wishes to have the letter read at the testimonial dinner that you are addressing on Thursday, ll December.

If you ask the White House for a letter, you may wish to reference the speech that the President gave at the time the bodies were brought back from Beirut. (See attached.)

George V. Lauder

Yes, I will ask the White House for a letter:

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29 October 1986

Mr. Edward Turzanski Deputy Director, Alumni La Salle University Philadelphia, PA 19141

Dear Mr. Turzanski:

This is to confirm arrangements for CIA Director William J. Casey's address at the La Salle University testimonial dinner in honor of Robert C. Ames on Thursday, 11 December, in Philadelphia.

According to our conversation, the proposed format for the evening is for the reception to begin at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:45 p.m. followed by 10 - 15 minutes of remarks given by the Director. We ask that a podium with both mike and neck mike be available. Adjournment is scheduled for approximately 9:00 p.m. We request that you do not put out an advance press release. Also according to our conversation, you are expecting members of the print media as well as commercial TV and radio to cover the event. Please keep us informed as to the press coverage that you expect. The Director does not normally give press interviews. As you are aware, the Agency is providing assistance to the La Salle Communications Department in audio and videotaping selected parts of the testimonial dinner and the symposium for the historical record. If you plan to publish his remarks, please give us the opportunity to review the material prior to publication.

Enclosed as you requested, is a photograph and biography of the Director. Closer to the time of the event, we would appreciate receiving short biographies of those people who will be meeting and hosting the Director. We also ask that you send us an agenda, the symposium and dinner program, and a diagram of the head table seating.

Thank you for your kind attention to these nitty-gritty details and for the information that you have already provided. If you have any further questions on the arrangements for the event or if there is anything I can do to help you, please feel free to call me on (703) 351-2053.

Sincerely,

Mary Evelyn Dean

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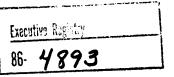
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Sanitized Copy Approved for Release 2010/10/18 : CIA-RDP88G01116R001202400001-2 Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. (703) 482-7676 George V. Lauder Director, Public Affairs 20 October 1986 DCI: Please sign the letter of acceptance STAT of HIC notified opposite. SIGNATURE La Salle University that you are unable at this time to invite the President. George V. Lauder **STAT** PAO/GVL Distribution: Orig - Addressee 1 - ER 86 - 4204X1 - PAO 86-0075/1 **STAT** DCI EXEC

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Washington, D. C. 20505



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Brother Patrick Ellis, F.S.C., Ph.D President, La Salle University Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19141

Dear Brother Ellis:

I accept with pleasure your invitation to speak at the testimonial dinner given by La Salle University in honor of the late Robert C. Ames on Thursday, December 11, in Philadelphia.

As the Director of Central Intelligence, I am honored to be paying tribute to such an outstanding American as Robert C. Ames who served his country so well and was a fine representative of our Intelligence Community.

A member of my staff will be in touch with you to make the logistical arrangements.

Sincerely,

/a/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

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3 October 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

George V. Lauder

Director, Public Affairs Office

SUBJECT:

Invitation to Address the La Salle University Testimonial Dinner in Honor of Robert C. Ames

1. Action Requested: Accept or decline the invitation to speak at the testimonial dinner in honor of Robert C. Ames at La Salle University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The date set for the ceremony is Thursday, 11 December.

2. Background: Brother Patrick Ellis, President of La Salle University, has invited you to speak at the testimonial dinner in honor of the late Robert C. Ames and also to extend the same invitation to President Reagan on the University's behalf. We understand that you agreed to participate in this event when you met with Robert E. Hunter, a former NSC official who had worked closely with Bob Ames. We also understand that you discussed the possibility of inviting the President. The proposed format is a reception scheduled at the Student Union Building at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:45 p.m. You are asked to give 10 - 15 minutes of remarks after dinner concerning Bob Ames. La Salle will posthumously bestow the President's Medal upon Bob Ames making the presentation to his widow. The University will also dedicate two copies of a plaque in his honor. Brother Ellis wishes to present you with one copy and asks that you arrange for it to be placed at Agency Headquarters. The other copy will remain on campus.

You could expect an audience of approximately 400 alumni, faculty, students, and about 20 Agency employees. Print media, including the PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, will be there, and the University will videotape the evening's events. Local TV and radio stations may also cover the program.

La Salle University is sponsoring a memorial symposium in honor of Bob Ames from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. the same day as the dinner. Participants will be Richard Helms; Harold Saunders and William Quandt, former State Department experts on the Middle East; David Long and Richard Murphy, current State Department officials; and Robert and Shireen Hunter. Substantive talks will be given on predetermined topics, but no formal papers will be presented. The audience will be approximately the same as will be attending the dinner. Print media is expected to be at the symposium, and local TV and radio stations may cover the meeting. The University will videotape the proceedings.

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/s/ William J.	Casey	DATE: 08 OCT 1986	
DECLINE La Sal	le Dinner Invitation:		
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